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(c) what is the reason for the aforesaid scheme being delayed still; and

(d) when the work will be commenced and completed?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Rs. 5·8 lakhs.

" (b) The ryots have expressed their willingness to pay a contribution.

" (c) & (d) The scheme has been investigated and plans and estimates are being finalised by the Superintending Engineer. On their receipt, the scheme has to be examined with reference to its revenue, financial, and Grow More Food aspects. It cannot be said now, when the scheme will be sanctioned."

Gazetted Officers of the Co-operative Department.

* 234 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) the strength of the Co-operative Department under the following heads:

(i) Co-operative Sub-Registrars; and

(ii) Co-operative Deputy Registrars;

(b) how many of them in each category are Brahmans, non-Brahmans (forward and backward), Muslims, Christians and Scheduled Castes;

(c) the number of Christians who have been recruited or promoted after the assumption of office by the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and

(d) the number of promoted Christians who have superseded other community men?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Co-operative Sub-Registrars 388; and Deputy Registrars 96.

" (b)

	Deputy Registrars.	Co-operative Sub-Registrars.
Brahmans ..	24	113
Non-Brahmans.	41	191
Jain	1	1
Backward classes	9	14
Muslims .	4	27
Christians ..	13	37
Scheduled classes	4	5
	96	388

" (c) Deputy Registrars 6; and Co-operative Sub-Registrars 20.

" (d) Promotions are not made on communal basis."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the long detailed answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I suggest to him and to his department to furnish a statement to us so that we might

go through it and then put supplementary questions? Is it a fact that many of the Christian officials have been shown better treatment like promotions, etc., in preference to others by the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies? "

THE HN. SRI D. SANJIVAYA :—" The answer in an emphatic 'No', Sir."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" అధ్యక్షా, పోస్టులలో ఉన్నటువంటి రిజిస్ట్రార్‌గారు భిన్న జాతులకు చెందినటువంటి subordinate staff ను దూరంగా అనగా అంటరానివాళ్లగా ఎంచి వాళ్లను చాలా అగౌరవంగా అనాగరికంగా చూస్తున్నారనే విషయము మంత్రిగారి దృష్టికి వచ్చినదా."

THE HON SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" సభ్యులుగారు వేసినటువంటి ప్రశ్నకు ప్రస్తుతము చర్చలో ఉన్నటువంటి ప్రశ్నకు ఏమీ సంబంధములేదని తెలియచేస్తున్నాను."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, arising out of the answer 'emphatic no', may I ask the Hon. Minister whether he will be pleased to assure this House that if specific instances of this kind are brought to his notice, he will institute an enquiry and redress the grievances? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government, I assure hon. Members that suitable enquiries will be instituted and proper action will be taken."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government are adopting any policy in making appointments and promotions so as to give preference or encouragement to Backward Classes and Harijans? If the answer is in the affirmative, may I ask whether the figures given in respect of Backward Classes and Harijans are in proportion to their total population? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" It is a well known fact that Government have been giving due consideration to the Harijans and Backward Classes. But I cannot at the moment say whether the figures I have given are in proportion to their population."

10-40 a.m. SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிருஸ்துவர்களுக்கு தனிச் சலுகை கொடுப்பதற்காகவேண்டி டிப்டி ரிஜிஸ்தரார்களாக, கிருஸ்துவர்களையே நியமிப்பது மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—It is not relevant to the publication."

Artesian wells in South Arcot.

* 235 Q.—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) How many artesian wells the Government have so far started in Vadalur taluk, South Arcot district, and how many of them are working at present and the minimum and maximum cost of each artesian well;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 30 is fixed as water-cess per acre in that locality and if so, on what basis the water-cess is so calculated; and